

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/755,733

Examiner

Ismael Negron

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5,7,9-11 and 15-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's after final amendment filed on June 26, 2006 has been entered. No claim has been amended. No claim has been cancelled. Claims 20-22 have been added. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 15-22 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 15 and 17-22 being independent.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 15 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the cited claims has been withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 15-22 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant teaches an illuminated doorframe having at least three frame members including two side panels and an overhead lintel, the side panels being separated by the lintel. The frame members are formed of a hollow construction and include an interior portion for receiving a door, an open exterior portion for attachment to a support structure, and outwardly facing first and second side faces, such faces defining an outer

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periphery. A channel or raceway is formed in the side faces, substantially traversing the maximum outer periphery. An outwardly open electroluminescent strip is located on or within the channel for lighting the outer periphery of the doorframe.

**MORRIS** (U.S. Pat. 6,058,635) discloses an illuminated doorframe including two side panels and an overhead lintel. Illuminated signs are integrally formed into the door frame for lighting the door frame in case of a emergency. However, the cited reference fail to individually disclose, or suggest when combined, the light source being an electroluminescent element located on or within a channel or raceway formed in the frame elements, such channel/raceway substantially traversing the periphery of such door frame.

**CHIEN** (U.S. Pat. 5,775,016), **BRESNAN** (U.S. Pat. 6,025,773), **BODLE** (U.S. Pat. 6,276,634), **GEORGE et al.** (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. 2003/0189823) and **CHIARUCCI** (U.S. Pat. 6,785,992) disclose emergency illumination systems including an electroluminescent element positioned along walls and exit door for illuminating an exit route during an emergency. Some disclose electroluminescent elements position about the periphery of exit doors. However, the cited references fail to individually disclose, or suggest when combined, the electroluminescent elements being located on or within a channel or raceway formed in frame elements of a door, such channel/raceway substantially traversing the periphery of such doorframe.

No prior art was found teaching individually, or suggesting in combination, all of the features of the applicants' invention, specifically a door frame including an electroluminescent elements located on or within a channel or raceway formed in the

frame elements of the door, such channel/raceway substantially traversing the periphery of such door frame.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ismael Negron whose telephone number is (571) 272-2376. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea, can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The facsimile machine number for the Art Group is (571) 273-8300.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, go to <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you

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have questions on access to Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) toll-free at 866-217-9197.

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